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ANHYDRIDE, AND METHOD OF PRODUCING  
POLYOXYTETRAMETHYLENE GLYCOL USING ACETIC  
ANHYDRIDE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003. Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows and consider the subsequent remarks: